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28.	SECAP Association's Abdur Razzae Inamdar College of Arts, Science & Commerce College for Women, Bijapur, Karnataka.	32
29.	S.D. College, Hoshiarpur, Punjab.	1254
30.	Zakir Hussain College, New Delhi.	80
31.	Sir Syed College, Taliparamba Cannore Distt., Kerala.	1944

Shortage of Cables

822. SHRI N. K. PRAMCHANDRAN:

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN:

SHRI V. M. SUDHEERAN:

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to acute shortage of cables, Tapal articles and other equipments, the expansion work of telephone exchanges has been stagnated in Kerala and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce extended 'Sattellite money orders System' and 'point to point speed post centre' connecting to any post offices located in Kollam district in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. Government are not aware of any shortage of cables, Tapal articles, etc. The expansion of exchanges in Kerala and Karnataka are proceeding as per schedule.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) and (e) There is a proposal to introduce Extended Satellite Money Order System in Kollam H.O. and Kottarakkara H.O. in Kollam District. There is no propsal to introduce 'point-to point speed post facility' in any of the post offices in Kollam District in Kerala.

Bursting of T-72 M Tanks Barrels

823. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI:

SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of times tank barrels of T-72M tanks got bursted during the firing exercise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation into the cause of bursting has been made by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to remove the defects in the tank barrels and to take up the matter with the suppliers thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have been 33 instances involving bursting of gun barrels of T-72 tanks during the last 12 years.

(c) to (e) A Committee under the Chairmanship of an Officer of Directorate Genreral of Quality Assurance was appointed to investigate the failures and suggest remedial measures. On the basis of detailed investigations, the Committee have made certain technical suggestions to the manufacturing agency. Russian Specialists have also been invited to make a detailed examination of the problem and suggest possible solutions.

Revenue Earned by Government From Tourism

824. SHRI B. L. SHANKAR:

SHRI D. P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by the Union Government from tourism during 1996-97 and 1997-98, till date;

(b) the amount spent on various tourist programmes' schemes during the said period;

(c) the details of the policy formulated by the Government for encouraging the Tourism Industry during the year 1997-98; and

(d) the number of tourists who visited India during upto 30.9.1997 in comparison to the corresponding period for the last year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The tax revenue earned by the Central Government by way of expenditure tax 1996-97 and 1997-98 (upto October 1997) is Rs. 293.23 crores and Rs. 138.95 crores respectively.